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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of "**Summary of the Invention**" part of this application with the following paragraph, rewritten in amendment format:

It is an object of the present invention to provide a method for implementing interface backup ~~with VRRP~~ in order to overcome the shortcoming that the VRRP is only used in routers but not in interfaces. The method implements backup not only between routers, but also between interfaces with multicast and broadcast functions. The method expands VRRP functions to make a protocol satisfy two requirements for backup.

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